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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--FIG. 5A is a depiction of the amino acid sequences of human B7-H3.1 (SEQ ID NO:1), human B7-1 (SEQ ID NO:15), human B7-2 (SEQ ID NO:16), human B7-H1 (SEQ ID NO:17), and human B7-H2 (SEQ ID NO:18) aligned for optimal homology. Identical amino acid residues are shaded in bold and conserved amino acid residues are boxed. Conserved cysteine residues are marked *.--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- FIG. 11 is a depiction of the amino acid sequences of the extracellular domains of human B7-H4 (SEQ ID NO: 19), human B7-H3.2 (SEQ ID NO:20), human B7-1 (SEQ ID NO:21), human B7-2 (SEQ ID NO:22), human B7-H1 (SEQ ID NO:23), and human B7-H2

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